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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 10927.295

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:		)
	Fred P. Lampropoulos	)
Serial No.:	10/800,071	) Art Unit
		) 1812
Filed:	March 11, 2004	)
Confirmation No.:	8090	)
For:	INTEGRAL FLUSHING DEVICE	)
Examiner:	unassigned	)
Customer No.:	022913	)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Commissioner for Patents  
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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that any of these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references is disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

Dated this 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2004.

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3	5,290,222	3/1/94	Feng et al.	604	86	10/15/91
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Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

☒ Form PTO-1449 list of seven (7) references submitted for consideration.

☐ Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions.

☐ All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

The following are included within the Information Disclosure Statement if applicable and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

☐ Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

☐ Statement that certain listed references not enclosed are substantially cumulative of an enclosed reference.

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prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

\_\_\_ Legible Copies of previously filed Information Disclosure Statement for application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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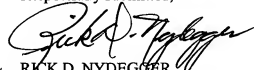
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